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Dear Dr. Gallagher:

As the officer in our Bureau responsible for Argentina, Ms. Derian has asked me to respond to your letter of April 14 regarding the disappearance of the following four individuals: Federico Eduardo Alvarez-Rojas, Gabriella Caravelli, Antonio Misetich and Eduardo Pasquini.

Our Argentine Desk has checked and reports that these four names are not on the list of 232 released by the Argentine Federal Police. This list appears to be primarily of individuals who had been reported missing but who now have been located.

The U. S. Embassy, according to the Argentine Desk, has raised the cases of these four individuals with the Foreign Office's Working Group on Human Rights which informed us that the Government of Argentina has no record of their detention nor any information regarding their whereabouts.

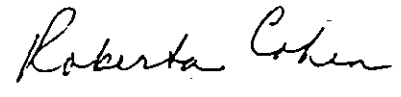
The Argentine Government is currently looking into an additional 468 cases of disappearances and we will contact you regarding any information about the cases you raise. There is an unconfirmed rumor that Misetich may be detained in Villa de Voto prison.

Please be assured that we are taking all appropriate steps to convey to the GOA our deep concern about

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infringements of human rights in that country, in particular disappearances, in accordance with our commitments under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man. / In this connection, I would recommend that you send the information about the above mentioned four individuals to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, Organization of American States, 1725 I Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20006.

Yours sincerely,



Roberta Cohen  
Human Rights Officer

cc:

HA - P. Derian